

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

At the time of the Office Action, claims 70-87 were pending. All were rejected. Claims 76-82 and 87 were rejected under 35 USC 112, and all claims were rejected under 35 USC 103, with the primary references being U.S. 6,201,319 (Simonelli) in view of Powerware Corp., *Powerware 9170+ User's Guide* (Powerware).

Herein, the title is amended, and the amended title is submitted to overcome the Examiner's objection.

Claims 84-87 are amended in their respective dependency to be consistent with the Examiner's renumbering of claims 83-87.

The claims are amended to clarify the claims or to broaden the claims and not for overcoming any of the prior art rejections, unless addressed below in the discussion of the prior art.

Further, the amendments are submitted to moot the Examiner's rejections under 35 USC 112.

None of the claims are intended to be interpreted under 35 USC 112(6), and should the Examiner disagree, it is requested that the Examiner so state in any response.

Claims 70-72, 74-81, and 83-86 were rejected as obvious over Simonelli and Powerware. It is submitted that these rejections are overcome. For instance, neither reference shows or suggests the following feature of the amended claim 70:

the plurality of modular power supplies being groupable so that a first group of two or more of the modular power supplies can power a first subcomponent of the computer system, and a second group of at least one of the modular power supplies can power a different second subcomponent of the computer system.

Further, neither reference shows or suggests the following feature of the amended claim 76:

grouping two or more, but less than all, of the plurality of modular power supplies into a first group for powering a first subcomponent of the computer system;
grouping at least one other of the plurality of modular power supplies into a second group for powering a different second subcomponent of the computer system.

Further neither reference shows or suggest the following feature of the amended claim 80:

grouping the plurality of modular power supplies into a plurality of groups, at least one said group comprising at least two, but less than all, of the modular power supplies, wherein each said group provides power to a different subcomponent of the computer system.

Support for these new features of the claims is found in the application, for instance, in paragraphs 14 and 27 et seq., and in Figs. 2 and 5. No new matter is added.

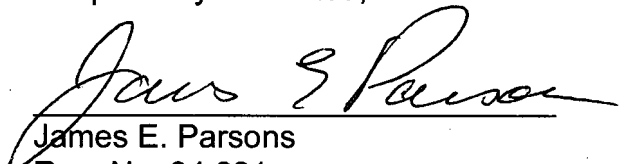
Accordingly, it is submitted that the rejection of all of the independent claims is overcome. The remaining claims are dependent, and allowable at least on the same basis. Accordingly, there is no need to address the other prior art rejections, which are not admitted.

New claims 87-91 are well supported in the specification, e.g., paragraphs 31-32, and are not new matter.

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